

8th Grade
History Of The United States
Areas Of Study

I. Review of the Civil War

- a. Echoes of the conflict throughout modern U.S. history

II. Reconstruction

- a. Relationship of the North and South (1865-1877)
- b. Role of black codes, Jim Crow laws, Freedman's Bureau, and Amendments

III. Industrial America (1860-1900)

- a. Productivity, immigration, and invention
- b. Vertical and horizontal integration, anti-trust laws, and robber barons

IV. Gilded Age

- a. Differences in wealth: the new rich and the urban poor
- b. Corruption in society and laissez-faire government

V. The Frontier and Western migration

- a. Lives of settlers; development of industry; interpretations of the region
- b. Changing relationships with Native Americans

VI. United States as a world force

- a. Expansionist policy, new market exploration, and entrance into the Pacific

VII. World War I (1914-1918)

- a. Emergence of the United States as a global power
- b. Impact of growing alliances, nationalism, and technologies across Europe

VIII. The Roaring Twenties

- a. Causes and effects of post-war boom; mood of government and society
- b. Flourishing of art, fashion, music, and inventions during the time

IX. The Great Depression

- a. Causes of the collapse; Hoover and the early years
- b. Roosevelt and the New Deal

X. World War II (1941-1945)

- a. Rise of dictators in Europe and Asia
- b. Turning points, technologies, effort on the home front, and the Holocaust

XI. Post-War Period – Seeds of the Cold War

- a. The rise of communism; Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan & containment
- b. The nuclear age and the arms race

XII. The Cold War

- a. Korea, Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, and pivotal moments
- b. Civil Rights: leaders and legislation